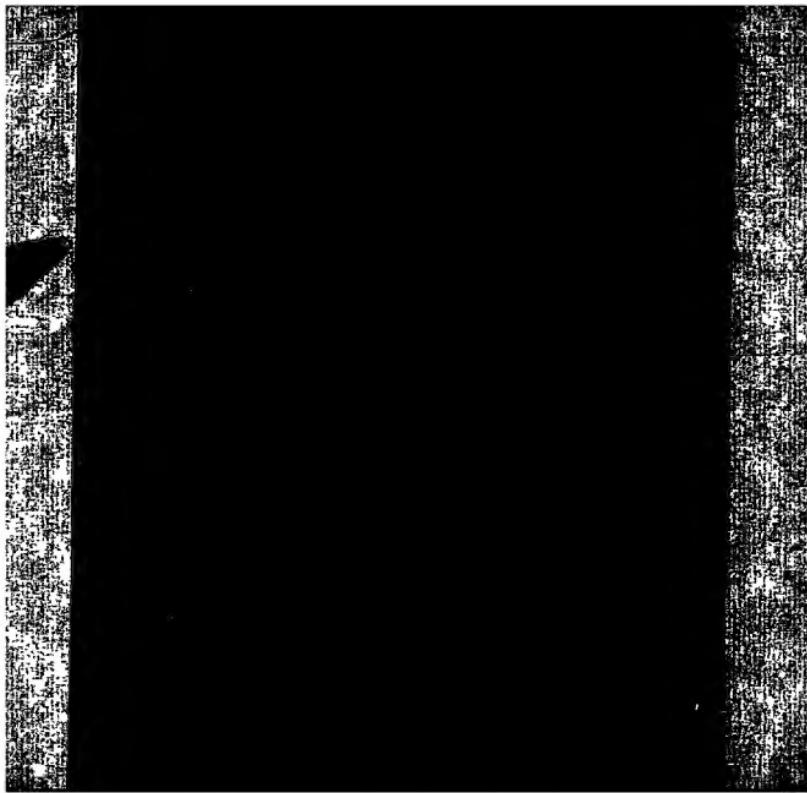


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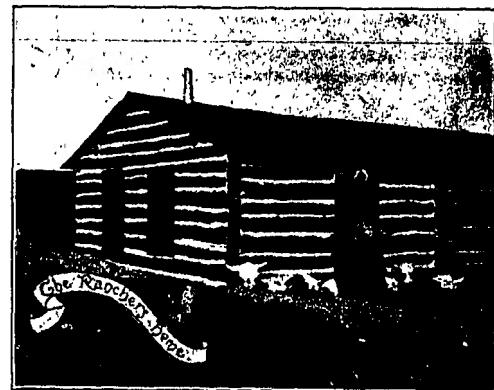
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Claresholm AND Vicinity



O write of Claresholm and vicinity, one has a big undertaking—that is, to do justice to this beautiful part of Alberta, for here is the home of the winter wheat, and the prime beef cattle, which has made Alberta famous.

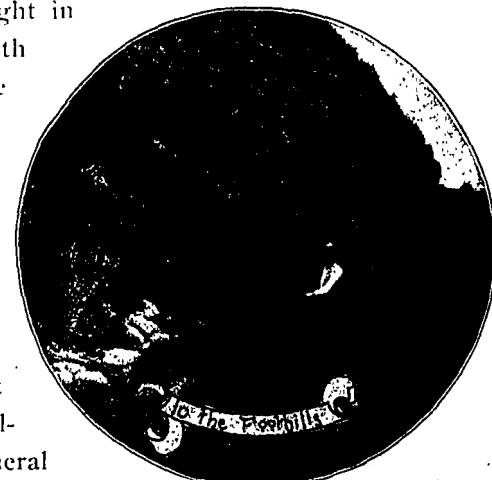
It would not be right to start this little story without going back to the days when the Redman, in pursuit of game and fur, the cowboy with his rough, though good-natured way, passed his days with cattle, or bucking broncho, roamed at will over this beautiful expanse of prairie, and the mounted police dropping in now and then to see that all was well. "Those were the good old days," so says the old-timers. But Presto! The settler drops in, and with him the plow and binder, and the prairie is soon changed, and what do we find?—Beautiful fields of golden grain, fine farm horses, happy and contented people, and in the midst of all this, a small village sprang up, only to grow to what we have to-day

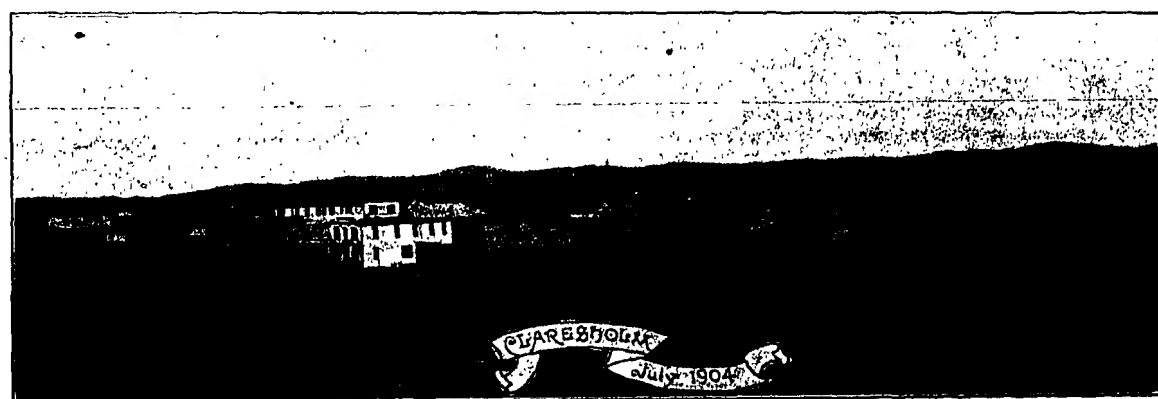


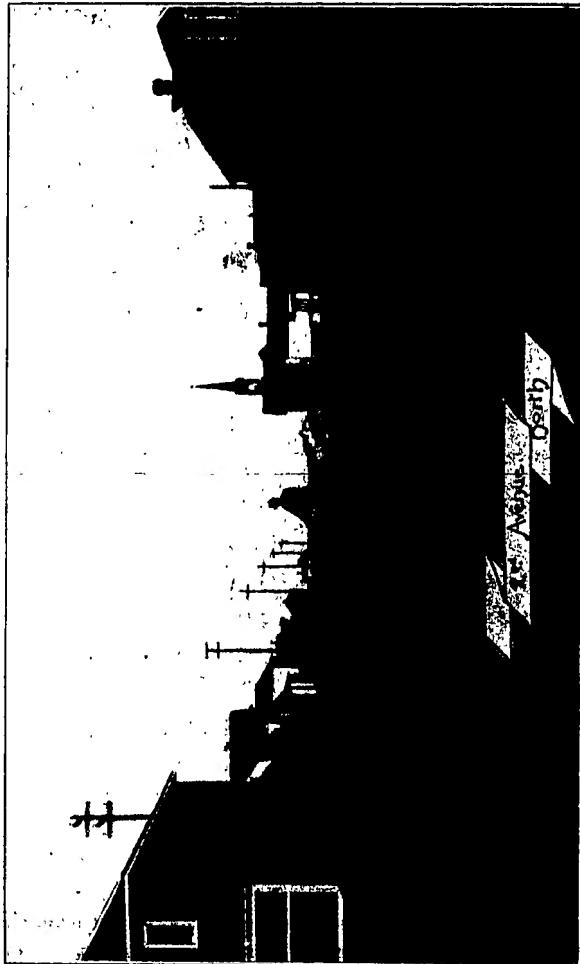
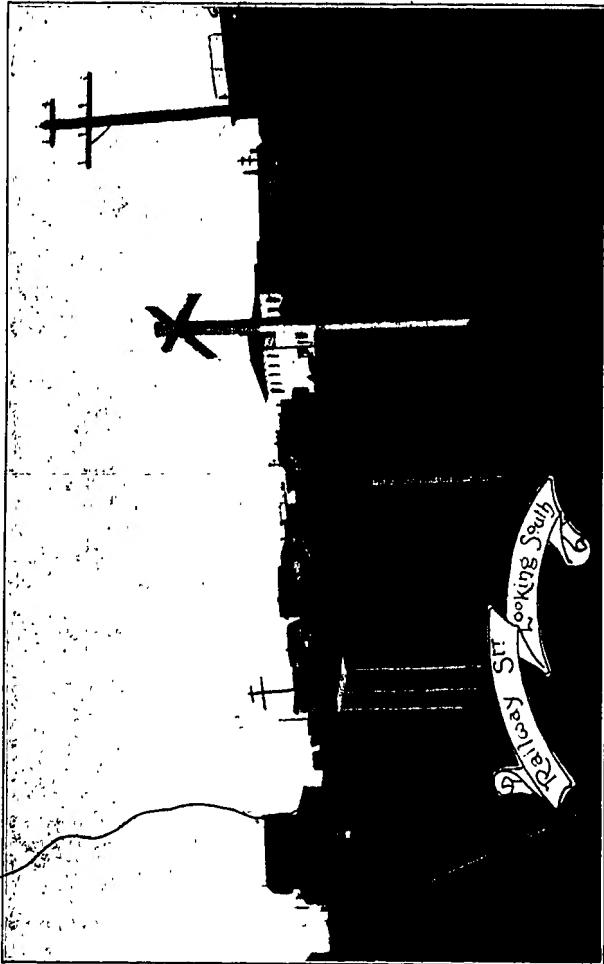
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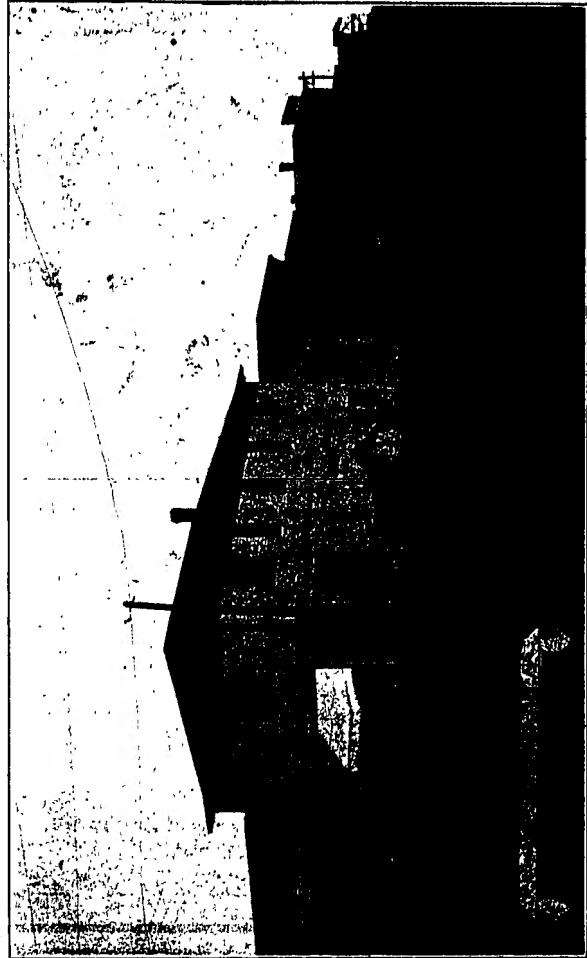
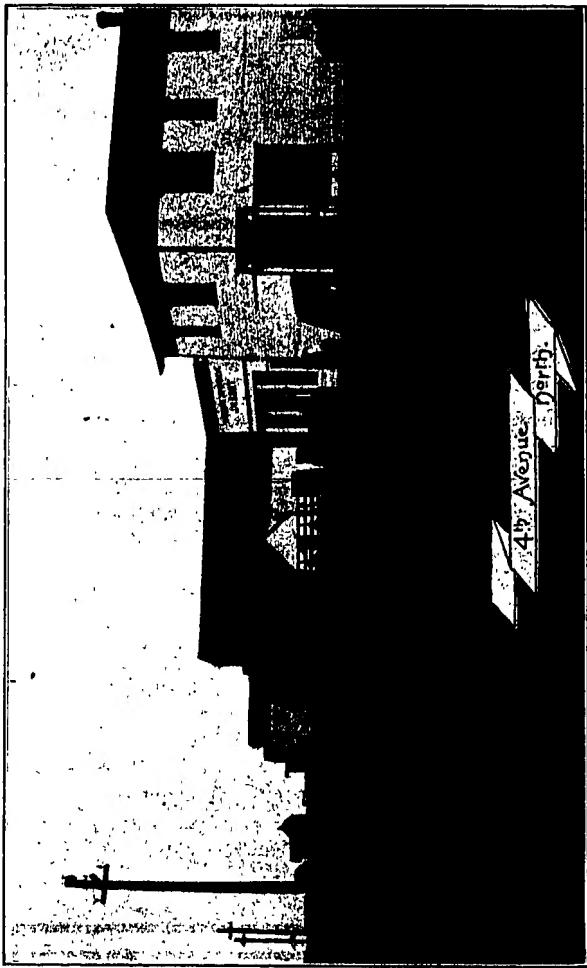
in the beautiful town of Claresholm, situated in the centre of Sunny Southern Alberta, with the Foot Hills and the great Rocky Mountains to the West, truly an ideal spot.

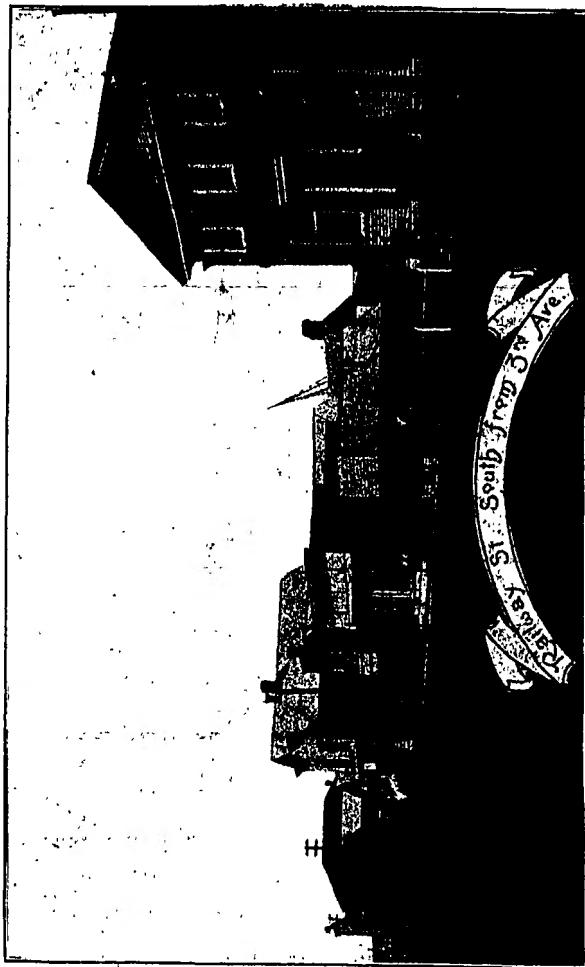
The first party of settlers to locate in this part were brought in by Mr. O. J. Amundsen, in 1902, when he brought from North Dakota twenty-five farmers, and sold in one afternoon twenty-one sections of land, which goes to show what these gentlemen thought of this country. Mr. Amundsen also had the townsite surveyed. The first settler in the town of Claresholm was Mr. Wm. Moffat, who arrived in March, 1902, with some cars of lumber, which he piled on the prairie, and then sat on top of the highest pile to watch for customers. While there a mounted policeman rode up and asked him "if he were not lost?" Mr. Moffat, with a wise look, answered, "I guess not," and from that lumber the first buildings of Claresholm were built. Among them were Mrs. Carlberg's boarding house, Mr. McCue's store, Fisher & Ross, general store. In 1903, the village of Claresholm was organized with Mr. Moffat overseer, and from that date, to music of the saw and hammer, so rapid was the growth of this little burg, that we have not only a beautiful town, but the country around has been growing, so that Claresholm and vicinity is to-day one of the grandest parts of the Province of Alberta.

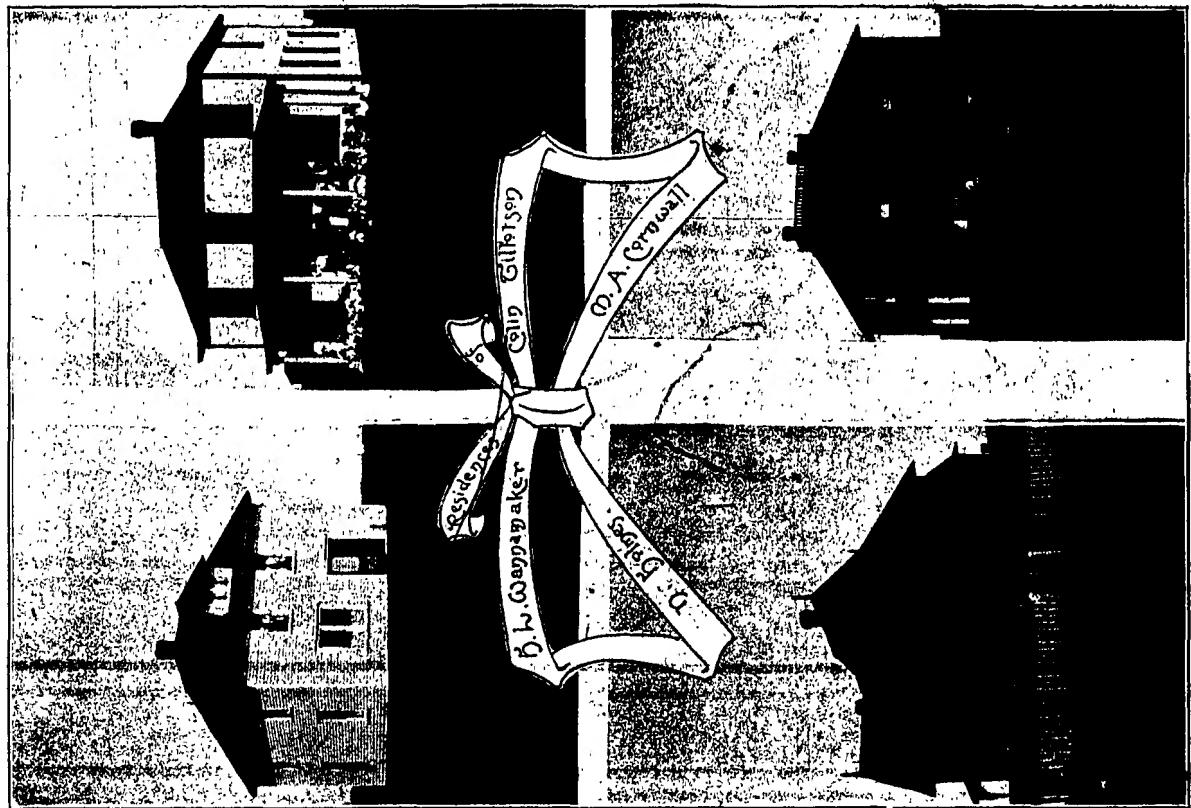


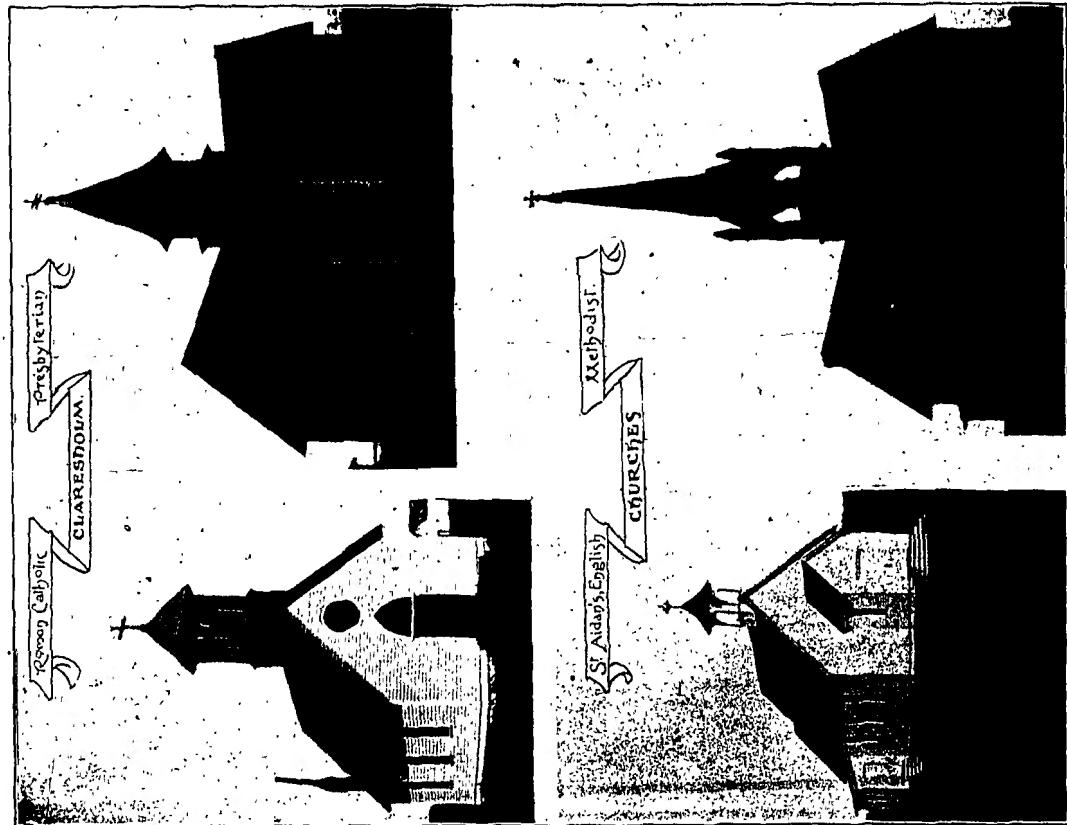


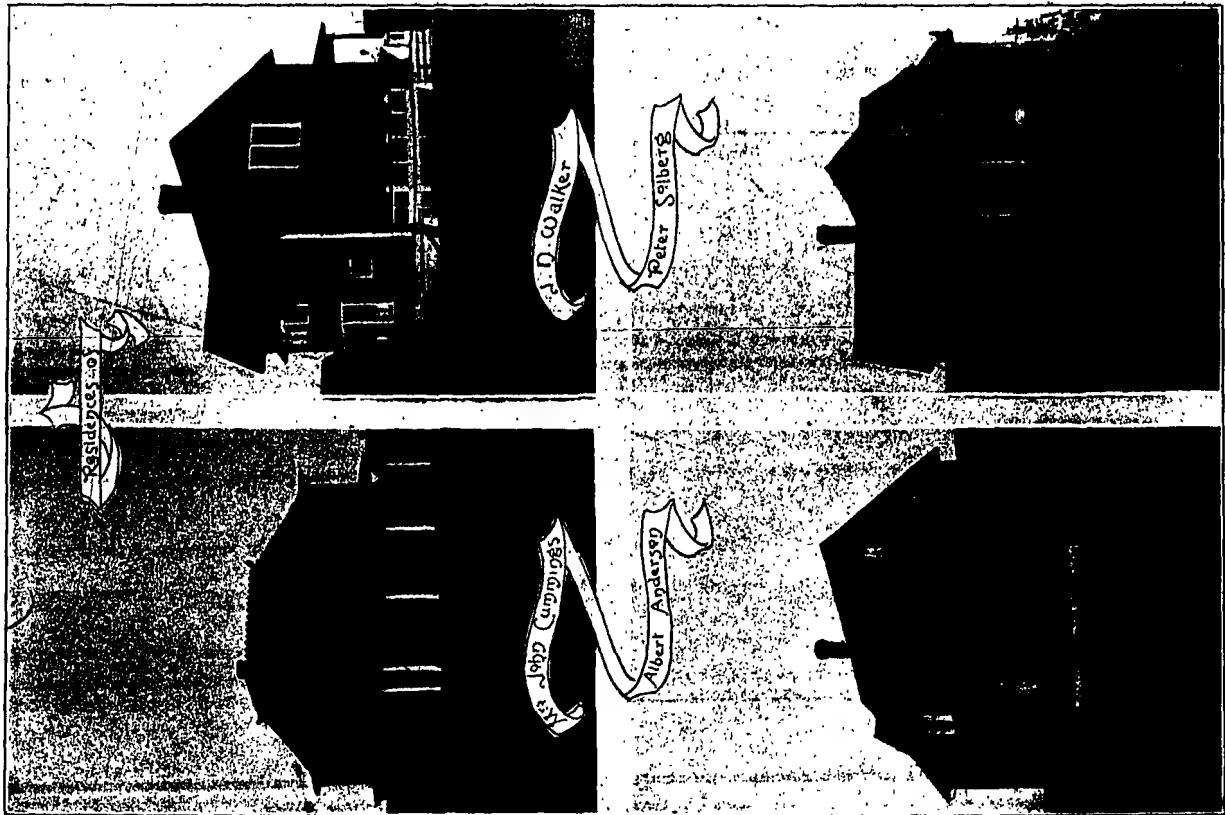


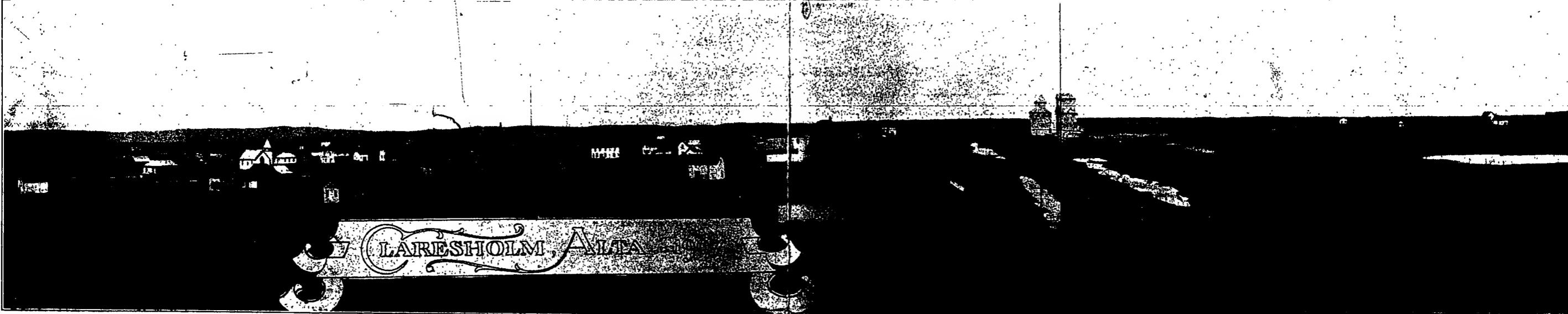




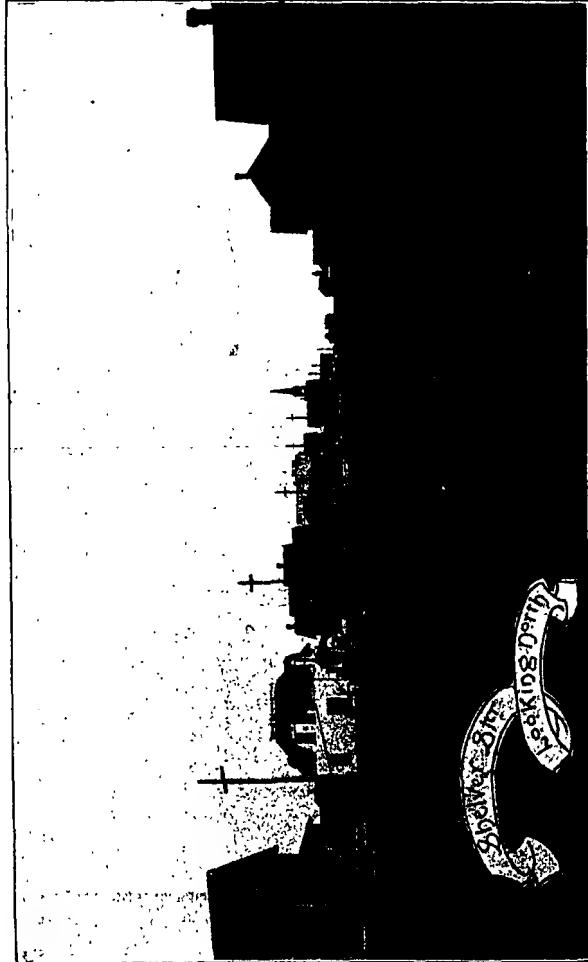


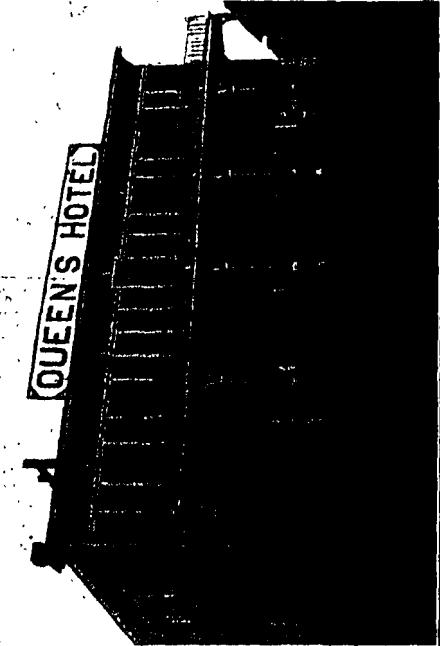


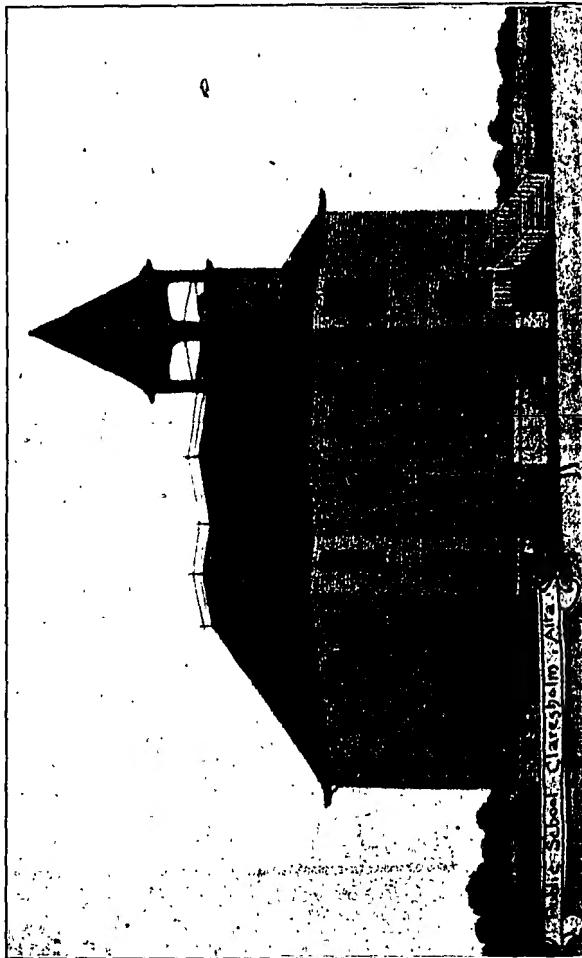


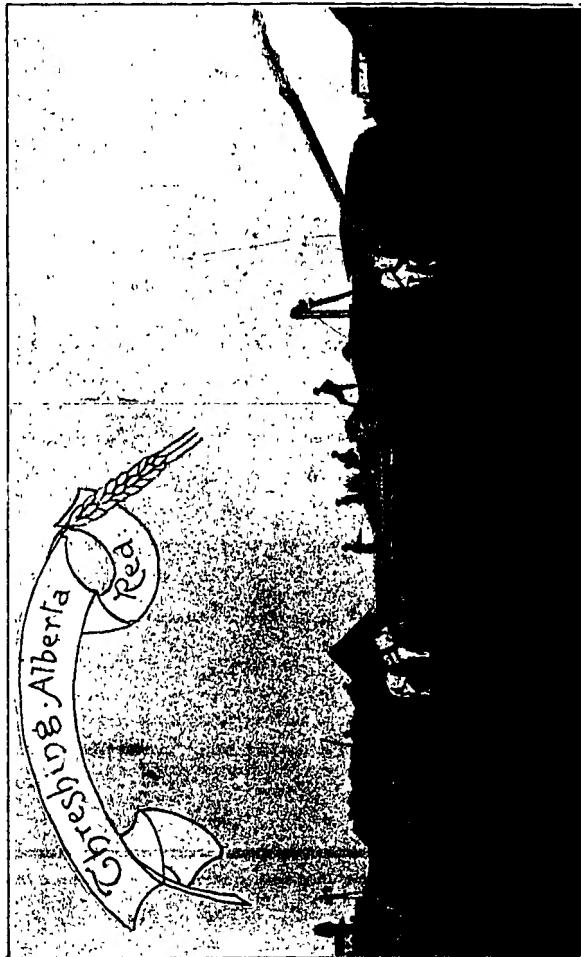


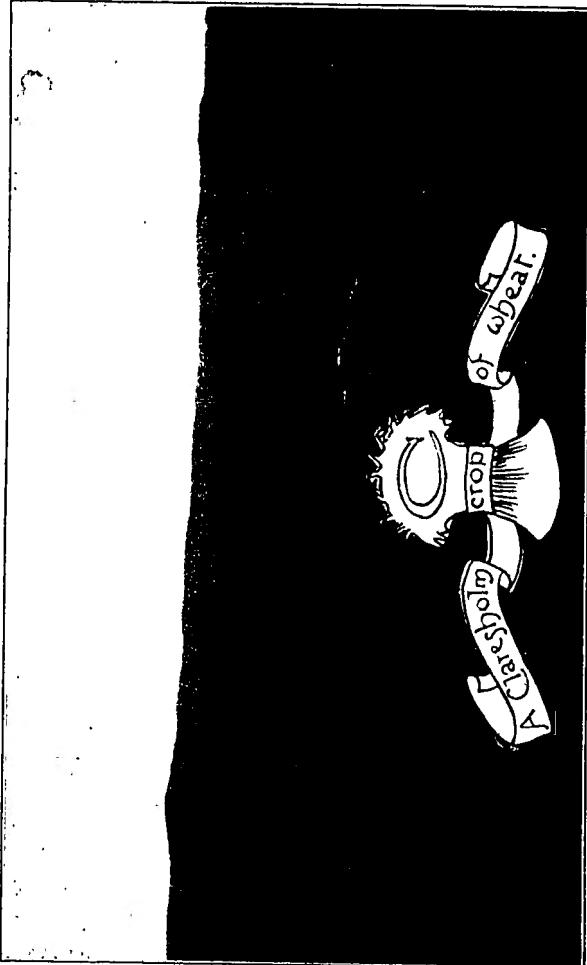
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To be found in Claresholm and Vicinity

A Flour Mill, Electric Light System, two Hardware Stores, three Drug Stores, seven General Stores, two Millinery Stores, two Bakeries, three first-class Hotels, two Livery Barns, four Churches, School, two Banks, two Elevators, 1,200 inhabitants, Water System, Wheat that yields as high as 56 bushels to the acre, Oats 100 bushels to the acre; in fact, all the enterprise and equipment incident to an up-to-date Agricultural District.

